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Via First Class Mail

Mr. Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq. Executive Secretary Public Utilities Regulatory Authority 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 20-03-15 – Emergency Petition of William Tong, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut for a Proceeding to Establish a State of Emergency Utility Shut-off Moratorium

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

William Tong, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, hereby submits this letter in lieu of written comments in the above-referenced proceeding. On September 30, 2020, the Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Yankee Gas Services Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut (collectively, "Eversource") filed a motion with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") to extend the moratorium on shut-offs for non-payment for non-hardship residential customers and small business customers through February 9, 2021, coincident with the State of Emergency declared by Governor Lamont in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Attorney General supports the extension of the shut-off moratorium for non-hardship residential customers. Connecticut's citizens continue to suffer economic insecurity and hardship from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Many families are continuing to stay at home, and many schools have closed or may close again, forcing a resumption of remote learning. These vulnerable residents need continued protection to stay safe, warm and have access to continued learning opportunities.

The Attorney General has no objection to extending the moratorium to small business customers.

Very truly yours,

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